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THIRTY-EIGHT MILLION BETTER.

The total fire losses in the United States for seven months of 1915 was \$112,397,800 as against \$170,555,600 for the same period in 1914. This looks good for the present year.

The Journal of Commerce record shows the fire losses for July, 1915, totalled \$9,000,000, which is eight million better than for the same month in 1914, which totalled \$17,000,000.

There were 190 fires in July that caused a loss of \$10,000 or more each. The largest fire of the month occurred at Oswego, N. Y., where the burning of a sawmill caused damage to the amount of \$600,000, and the next largest was at Port Huron, Mich., where freight sheds were destroyed to the value of \$425,000. Canada's largest fire in July was the burning of a sawmill at North Bay, Ontario, with a loss of \$150,000.

Just what the cause of the improvement is cannot be divided. It may be because men are becoming more careful or less criminal, or it may be because of the unusually wet weather. It is a good showing whatever the cause and the underwriters are expectantly looking for a period when they can keep their liabilities and assets in a more satisfactory relation to one another.

HARDLY EQUAL TO THE TASK.

If Germany should defeat the allies would she be able to go ahead and win world supremacy which is doubtless dear to her heart?

The outlook contains no assurance of her ability to do it. The French ministry estimate the losses of Germany and Austria for ten months to May 31st, 1915, as follows:

Germany, 1,630,000 men killed, 1,830,000 wounded, and 490,000 taken prisoners—a total of about 4,000,000 put out of commission. Its ally, Austria-Hungary, had lost 1,610,000 men killed, 1,885,000 wounded and 510,000 taken prisoners—a total of 4,005,000 put out of commission.

This is a loss to both countries of nearly nine million men. If one-half the wounded return to service there would be nearly 2,000,000 of these.

The total strength of these countries at the start was approximately 9,000,000 men, and additional reserves have increased the force to 15,000,000 all told. We have remaining one-half the force. A half-million men have been lost since in the drive on Warsaw. They have now, according to this estimate, about five and a half millions. When the war is over they will not have two million fighting men if they should win at the present rate of decimation. The countries left to be subdued would have 450,000,000 people to be conquered. Do you suppose Germany and Austria could do it?

SUMMER CAMPS FOR MILITARY TRAINING.

Twelve hundred business men of New York are about to take a month's military drill at a civilian camp at Plattsburg, N. Y., for the out of door exercise and the knowledge of military tactics to be attained. The government is fostering the movement and is ready and willing to supply officers of the United States army to encourage and promote the work.

This movement needs a recognized need and these camps are recognized as a logical outgrowth of the summer training camps for college men against which the peace leagues have launched such a vigorous crusade. These student camps have been a success from the beginning and this summer they are more numerous than ever before.

The secretary of war said in his 1915 report: "The benefit of these camps to the nation is that they foster a patriotic spirit without which a nation soon loses its virility and falls into decay. They spread among citizens a more thorough knowledge of military needs. This body-developing scheme is finding favor in all parts of the country and it is believed that no training can prove more advantageous to men of

sedentary habits, for they are held to a regular system of exercise and rest which the regular vacation never affords.

THE SUBMARINE CAMPAIGN.

Gerard Pienne, writing upon the work of the British navy upon the seas to the London Observer in keeping the \$1,500,000,000 navy of Germany from doing any effective work upon the ocean calls attention to the fact that since the beginning of the submarine "blockade" on February 18 there has been only one week in which the "U" boats claimed no victim, and in that, one vessel was destroyed by an enemy cruiser.

During the week ending July 31 the German submarines were, he writes, unable to claim a single British merchantman as a victim, although 1,335 ships of 300 tons and over entered and left the ports. That is the satisfactory statement which the admiralty have been able to issue. Twenty-two weeks have passed since February 18, and our average loss has been just over four vessels a week.

The reason the Germans have not done more he thinks is because they had but 39 submarines at the opening of the war, and those since added have carried the number up to 60. He claims there are not over 31 for service in English waters of which more than 8 have been destroyed, and even with this number the work has been far from being efficient.

This writer concludes the Germans have greatly exaggerated their submarine strength and that the meagre results in English waters is the best evidence of it.

THE GAME OF WAR.

War has been defined as a game of finding out what your opponents want you to do—and then not doing it.

Accepting this definition it looks as if the Russian Grand Duke understands the game well and is playing a sharp hand against the German forces.

In the German campaign against France a half century ago Von Moltke had two great French armies beleaguered and out of service in three weeks; but after a fierce campaign of a year the Kaiser has not captured or smashed one great division of the allies and in the number of prisoners lost and taken they stand at about two millions each.

These retreats from Galicia and Warsaw were masterly movements, the Russians taking out of the countries abandoned all war material and more supplies than they carried in.

The Russians may be yielding to the Kaiser's forces with a view of giving them a winter campaign far from their base of supplies, which will prove more disastrous to Germany than anything she has yet experienced.

A part of the game is to proffer peace proposals at the psychological moment and to make secure all that has been gained. The psychological moment does not seem to have arrived yet—the allies hope to grasp that.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

As an organizer, Roosevelt has considerable fame, but he cannot get the sapsheads together.

Destroying cities like Warsaw is sport for Kings—inspiring examples for crown princes.

The Latin republics are now denoted as President Wilson's A. B. C. class. They have a competent teacher.

It may take the Kaiser quite a while to figure out whether Warsaw is an asset or only another burden.

International laws are not the only laws which are made to be respected. There is no excuse for doing otherwise.

Austria has been officially informed that business is business in this country and not subject to foreign interference.

The season has been so cold the shore resort men have been too numb to get up a sea-serpent rush for the beaches.

A new dance is called the Sling Sing Trot. It is never likely to be popular, since most folks do not care to trot that way.

Mr. Herman Ridder of New York made a mortifying confession when he said he never before had heard of Providence!

Col. Roosevelt is pure and Mr. Perkins is able. It is surprising how the pure and the able are drawn together by politics.

When all the governors of the United States meet in Boston, Massachusetts will be likely to sit seaward a little more than usual.

New London knew she had the best of Norwich when she established White beach, for anything white is always attractive to Norwich people.

If all old maids have written on "how to take care of babies" had been followed, the husband famine might be very much severer than it is.

The papers in this country that make bold to say Wilson had British help in writing his notes to Germany would take the Nobel prize for lying, if there was one.

The time man works for others feeds him—the time he works for himself makes him. Those who make the most of spare time make the most of themselves.

It was a great thing to force the evacuation of Warsaw; but the Kaiser expected to have had that city and Paris in time to thank the Lord for them at Christmas time, 1914.

The triumph of American medical men in stamping out typhus in Serbia is a splendid evidence of their skill. In one hospital where there were 3,400 cases there are now but two or three.

Think of labor's national council of peace, calling on the President to censure the secretary of state for his last note to Great Britain. Factional bosses never cut any ice in this country.

The Speaking Truth. The refined Boston Transcript rouses up to remark: Here's to the mouth! It is the grocer's friend, the orator's pride, and the dentist's hope.

Yes indeed, say we, and also the politician's base of supplies as well as his first and third line of trenches. For confirmation apply to or listen at Lincoln, Neb.—Collier's Weekly.

Branch, N. Y., is annoyed because porcupines have taken to invading the village streets in numbers.

FOND PARENTS

"Do you see this knot tied in my handkerchief?" asked the man from Windsor Park. "That's to remind me that I must not return unless I have a little girl's tricycle with me. Elsie, my kiddie, has been insisting on a tricycle since yesterday afternoon, and there is no alternative but to get it. She is only 3 years old, but it takes more to make her happy than it does me. I'm almost scared when I think of what her demands will be when she's 13. She doesn't take after my wife or me. My wife has an allowance, and, to give her due credit, she makes it stretch over the thirty day period without any effort. One time we tried little Elsie on an allowance of her own. It didn't work out. All sorts of something developed that required a loan.

"The next day, perhaps, Elsie would tell me that Ines Jimton, who lives across the street, had a new \$35 doll buggy and that if she didn't get one like Ines had Ines wouldn't play with her any more. Now, I suppose, when Elsie gets her tricycle she will want an ultimatum to Ines to let one like it immediately, or they will sever friendly relations. Fathers of little Elsie and Ines ought to take a lesson for their own protection. I'll bet that Jimton, myself and more of the neighbors who have little daughters with expensive tastes, each trying to

WHAT THE BOY SCOUTS ARE DOING

Troop 4 in Camp.

Twenty members of Troop 4 with Scoutmaster W. G. Baker, left on Monday for a week's camp at Groton Long Point, making the trip in Mr. Baker's launch.

First Applications for Examinations.

The first applications for examinations under the new ruling, have been received this week at headquarters. Troop Leader Norman Hines, of Troop No. 6, applies for examination in second class First Aid A & B, which will be given to him on Thursday evening by Dr. R. R. Agnew. Scout Charles Haddad of Troop No. 8 applies for examination in semaphore signalling and fire-lighting, which will be given on Saturday afternoon.

Y. M. C. A. Camp Scouting Approved.

Prof. H. A. Tirrell, chairman of the Court of Honor, has approved of the scout examinations given at the Y. M. C. A. camp by Harold Round, P. C. S. of New London. The court is approving these examinations are Edwin Sevin and Halsey Gallup. Telling timber and nature observation.

State Rally for Connecticut.

Plans are now in the making for holding the rally on the grounds of the Connecticut scouts on Columbus Day, October 12th.

The announcement of Waterbury as the scene of the meeting is the first in the campaign to make the day a memorable one. While the public has in the past shown its interest in the scout movement, they are still many influential leaders of public opinion, and many parents, who have never been initiated into or convinced in concrete form of the great public benefit of the movement. For this reason every scoutmaster and every boy of the hundreds in the scout movement have pledged themselves to work both and nail to the mast the showing possible on Boy Scout day and enlist in the movement those who still remain out of the fold.

Plans for the meet are of course at this time not complete. Work will at once be started on the foundation of the final arrangements and the lining up of the big crowd to make the day a memorable one.

It has been decided that individual prizes will be given for each event and organizational banners for the cities that have the best team lines. A parade with bands from the various cities and well over 1,000 scouts in line will be one of the features. It is hoped by the scout leaders that the whole city from now on will join in the effort to make Scout day the biggest affair that ever happened.

What A Boy Scout Can Do for His City.

By Scout Milton Weinstein, Troop 22, New York City.

(Continued from last week.)

Protecting Park Property.

And now we must not overlook the park department. The park is an important element on the welfare of the people of a city, especially for the poor, for it is their only place of recreation and rest from the heat of the crowded street. Well-kept parks are the health-giving stations of all large cities, for babies, for small children, for grown children and for adults. A scout could help this department in various ways. First, by seeing that children do not destroy trees, shrubs and plants. That refuse from individuals and parties is gathered into receptacles placed for that purpose. That benches are not defaced and by protecting the public from abuse of rowdies. This would be an easier task for the scout if the department of parks would grant him authority by giving him a badge that should show that he had these privileges.

The Benefit to the Scout.

Why not have a certain number of troops appointed to serve each city department? We wouldn't of course, be giving much benefit, but let us not forget that we would be receiving benefit as well. To begin with, our city would give us the opportunity to put into practice the training and knowledge we have learned. Every scout is in the city's debt, and it is his duty to do all in his power to pay up by making his place in the world to live in. Let all the scouts join in and help; then I guess we will have a mighty fine country.

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fact is being made clear to violators and it will be driven home with redoubled force before the new law is much older.—Anasqua Sentinel.

The nature of the trouble that we encounter in Haiti is political rather than physical. It will not be a task of great magnitude for the United States to establish and maintain order in that country, despite its savage history. The Haitians are too inferior a people to be capable of resisting the kind of control that this government will naturally create there, and the problem, so far as handling them is concerned, is vastly less than in the Philippines or even in Cuba.—New London Day.

Vincent S. Whitney, alderman, of Bridgeport, went to the beach last Sunday and was so shocked that he is going to introduce a full-skirt ordinance at the next meeting of the board. "I believe the city ought to take steps to prevent such a display of feminine charms that are supposed to remain more or less mysterious with more man," he declares. Far be it from us to impugn the ingenuity of the alderman's ingenuity.

It is well for the lesson to be brought home to all drivers of wheeled vehicles as soon as may be that the new state law is to be obeyed and not ignored and that it applies to all, not to a few. The sooner the lights are in place the better for the public and the officials who have to enforce the law. The new law is going to be carried out in the spirit as well as in the letter. That

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